

REV. LUTHER M. CARTER, Sr., GONE TO REST.

One by one, as fall the autumn leaves, so pass from our midst relatives, friends and acquaintances. Time's solemn knell sings out the sad reality that life is short, and as uncertain as limited.

During the past week our city has indeed experienced the ravages of death, for, indeed, his icy finger has invaded many households, and brought grief and sorrow to many hearts. Indeed, it seems that those whom our community could most illly spare have been cut down, thus verifying the truism that "Death loves a shining mark." It is with unfeigned sorrow and deep regret that we are to-day called upon to chronicle the death of LUTHER M. CARTER, Sr., which took place at his residence, corner McGee and 10th streets, at four o'clock and twenty-five minutes, on April 27th. Just as the gray dawn had appeared, and the Sabbath morn'g was breaking in, his soul joyfully fled the earthly tenement, and winged its way to that Celestial City not made with hands, where eternal Sabbath reigns. To him the sting of death was as naught, for when the King of Terrors marked his brow and the life current had chilled and the throbbing pulse had almost ceased, triumphant he marched along the Valley and its dark shadow, guided by the glittering of the life eternal, that shed its refulgent ray. It was a light in the window of heaven, around which myriads of angels hovered and beckoned him on, and the halo of God's glory shone upon the good man as he slowly yet surely approached. Thus spake the smile of peace that wreathed the face of the inanimate body when life's last ray of light had been shut out from the mortal. And there was rejoicing throughout the heavens because of the arrival of a good and faithful servant.

The deceased was born in Danville, Ky., November 20th, 1808, which made him, at the time of his death, 64 years of age. At the age of 21 years he left his native home and came to Missouri, locating in St. Louis, at which place he resided until 1831, having during his stay been ordained a minister of the gospel by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1831 he returned to his home and was here united in marriage to Miss Susan H. Threlkeld, and, with his wife, returned to Missouri. In 1833 he was assigned to the Boonville Circuit, comprising Pettis, Saline and Cooper counties, to perform the duties of a disseminator of Divine truth. After some years residence in Boonville, two of which he spent as a minister, he moved into this county, into what was then called the Shawnee Mission. That was in 1839. At that time the Shawnee and Delaware Indians were occupying the territory, and an effort was being made by the Methodists to impart religious instruction to them and, if possible, win them from their wild life and habits. Being a skilled workman, the services of the deceased, as a carpenter, were called into requisition in the work of erecting the necessary Mission buildings, and under his superintendence they were made. Here he lived five years with his little family, and by his christian precepts and general usefulness proved a blessing to those with whom he was thrown in contact. From the Mission he was called to Wyandotte, and there superintended the erection of more buildings in the interests of the missionary cause. After a years sojourn, on account of severe illness of himself and family, he moved to the landing—now Kansas City. A few months respite from his labors sufficed to build him up in health, and, with his family, he repaired to a farm he had purchased in the vicinity of Westport, where he lived five years, tilling the soil and happily living the life of a husbandman. In 1857 the farm was abandoned, and Westport was settled as his home, in which place, during his residence up to 1864, he endeared himself to those who knew him, and so much confidence was there reposed in him, that he was chosen by the voice of the people as Mayor of the town. In 1864 he came to Kansas City, in which place he resided up until the time of his death. He was not idle during his life, as prior to